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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS FOR ABC TELEVISION
PRODUCERS: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS THAT ABC TV PRODUCERS TONY BATTEY AND JAMES BENJAMIN APPLIED FOR SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS IN EARLY DECEMBER TO MAKE A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. SO FAR THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS NOTES QUOTE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, CONTRARY TO OUR OWN MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC, IMPOSES UNUSUAL DELAYS AND RESTRICTIONS UPON OBTAINING VISAS INTO THEIR COUNTRY. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER ALAN POGENHARDT THAT HE APPLIED FOR A VISA ON NOVEMBER 3. APPLICATION WAS ACCOMPANIED
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BY RECOMMENDATION FROM SENIOR NEW YORK TIMES EDITOR. POGENHARDT HAD TO WAIT UNTIL EARLY JANUARY TO LEARN THAT HIS VISA HAD BEEN DENIED.

3. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO TAKE THESE CASES UP WITH SAG, POINTING OUT BASIC IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO A FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. LONG DELAYS IN COMMUNICAT-

ING DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS CAUSE FRUSTRATION AND
PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE.

4. ANY INFO OBTAINED ON STATUS THESE APPLICATIONS
SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT.
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